The FCSU Gathered in Washington, DC at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to Commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of the Jednota Chapel – Our Mother of Sorrows

In 1965, the FCSU donated the Jednota Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The concept not only commemorates important events in the life of the Virgin Mary, the Seven Sorrows, but also is relevant to the Slovak people. Many Slovaks who suffered oppression under the rule of foreign monarchies and governments for hundreds of years paid homage to Our Lady of Sorrows with annual pilgrimages to a church in Šaštín, Slovakia, where a pieta has been since the 1700s. In 1927 Pope Pius XI proclaimed Our Mother of Sorrows Slovakia’s patroness. Today, the Slovak Republic celebrates her feast day as a national holiday on September 15th, and Šaštín remains a favorite pilgrimage site. In the US, the award-winning Jednota Chapel is the most visited in the National Shrine.

This September, coordinated by FCSU Branch 856 in Washington, DC, members of the First Catholic Slovak Union from around the Society, gathered to attend Mass in Slovak at the Chapel to commemorate its 52nd Anniversary. A reception at the Slovak Embassy followed, hosted by H.E. Peter Kmec, Slovak Ambassador to the United States.

See page 5 for more.
his own free will. This is a divine condescension that proves that messianic power is truly God does take on our human image and likeness and makes himself accountable to us of did not receive what I asked for!” The truly remarkable thing is that through the incarnation image and likeness, or thinking that the Lord’s anointed is accountable to us: “I prayed, but the payment of the census tax, or he would be easily subject to denunciation and arrest as a dishonest tax cheat. But Jesus transcended this human logic and responded according the question put to Jesus seems simple; “Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?” If Jesus were to single-out one commandment he would have opened himself up to being accused of saying that the other commandments were not important. This response could be twisted, distorted and taken out of context to attempt to ruin the credibility of Jesus as a teacher. The wise response of Jesus is to quote two teachings from the Pentateuch. The first is from Moses’ instructions to the Israelites in the desert, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (Deuteronomy 6:5) This is from a passage that all Israelites were very familiar with, and is known as the Shema. It was recited at the beginning of their gatherings, it was worn in leather pouches around their wrists and foreheads, and was found in little containers on the doorways of their homes. There was no way that they could criticize Jesus for citing this as being the greatest commandment. To do so would be an attack on Moses himself. Jesus then adds a second commandment. (Doesn’t Jesus always do more than we expect or ask of him?) This second commandment is from the book of Leviticus, (19:18) “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” In Luke’s Gospel this teaching about the neighbor is followed by the parable of the Good Samaritan which answers the question, “Who is my neighbor?” The parable and the readings this weekend teach us that our neighbor is much more than the person who lives nearby. We are bound to one another by God who created us in His image and likeness, and sent his son, Jesus, to unite us as brothers and sisters. Our history of accepting prejudice is easy, it does not change the reality of this teaching of Jesus. It is much more difficult to say that we love our neighbors as ourselves. But that is what the scriptures teach us today, and it is what Jesus teaches. These two commandments take ongoing work on our part in order to master. We might never master them during our lifetime, but there is the unstoppable nature of his messiah. In Isaiah’s day, that was Cyrus; and later, it is Jesus Christ, “Christ” also meaning “anointed.” Isaiah also emphasizes that God will send as his sent his son, Jesus, to unite us as brothers and sisters. Our history of accepting prejudice near the Lord. Cyrus was quite a figure in the ancient middle east, conquering many other kingdoms and ruling over an enormous area; he is also mentioned in the books of Ezra and 2 Chronicles. The Hebrew word describing Cyrus as “anointed” is meshiach, which we recognize more in its English form “messiah.” The fact that Isaiah applies the term “messiah” to a pagan king might strike us as surprising since we normally think of it in association with Christ. Isaiah thus strongly underscores God’s sovereignty in employing whichever human agents he chooses in history. The reading goes on to indicate the uniqueness of the Lord—there is no other god—and the unstoppable nature of his messiah. In Isaiah’s day, that was Cyrus; and later, it is Jesus Christ, “Christ” also meaning “anointed.” Isaiah also emphasizes that God will send as his messiah whoever he wishes, even a pagan like Cyrus, and that the Lord is not like other earthly kings and need not conform to such expectations. God and his agents must therefore be accorded a respect and reverence which is far beyond what the people accord to their self-appointed heroes. This picture becomes clearer in the Gospel where Jesus, the definitive messiah of Israel, is confronted with a trick question by the Pharisees and Herodians. Just as many people in Old Testament times thought they had the messiah figured out, and the pagan Cyrus had no part in their vision, so too the Pharisees and their friends thought they had the messiah “pegged,” and Jesus was not part of their picture. As a result they tried to dispose of him with an insincere question intended to indict him either in the eyes of the common people or of their Roman overlords. The Pharisees think that there is no way out, and in strictly human terms there was not. It appeared that Jesus had to either seem to grovel before the hated Romans by consenting to the payment of the census tax, or he would be easily subject to denunciation and arrest as a dishonest tax cheat. But Jesus transcended this human logic and responded according to his own will. He showed his opponents that the messiah did not need to fit their expectations, and that it is God who governs his people, not the other way around. We all fail into the Pharisees’ way of thinking at times, either fashioning God in our own image and likeness, or thinking that the Lord’s anointed is accountable to us: “I prayed, but did not receive what I asked for!” The truly remarkable thing is that through the incarnation God does take on our human image and likeness and makes himself accountable to us of his own free will. This is a divine condescension that proves that messianic power is truly made perfect in weakness—in contrast to the grasping for power of the Pharisees, or to Cyrus’ earthly might. This Sunday God’s messiah is presented to us in all his glory and humility in both the scriptures and the Eucharist. Let us rejoice not that Jesus outwitted the Pharisees and Herodians, but rather that he offers the true anointing of salvation to all who come to him, and invites us to share in it through the breaking of the bread.
Christmas Oplatky – 2017

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 23 until December 15, 2017. The Oplatky, five in one package are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for $5.00 per pack. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is $7.00 and upward depending upon the number of packets ordered and the cost of priority mailing. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. Payment to Jankola Library is expected before receiving an order. For more information or to place an order contact Sister Catherine Laboure Bresnok, S.S.C.M. at 570-275-5606 or email brookslibrary@sdb.org.

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Message from the National Chaplain:

**October 2017**

Peope's Prayer Intention

**Workers and the Unemployed:** That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

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**Reflection and Discussion**

How can I assist in providing opportunities for fair work and fair wages in my family, social, and professional life? What are my obligations to the underemployed or unemployed? What am I doing to engage the issue of underemployment on a personal, local or regional level?

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**Scripture**

Acts 20:35 “In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

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**Salesian Priest Beatified in Bratislava**

As of September 30, 2017, Slovakia has another blessed figure — deceased Slovak Salesian priest and martyr Titus Zeman. A beatification ceremony of Titus Zeman took place at the Holy Family Church in Bratislava, Slovakia, presided over by the Pope’s behalf by Cardinal Angelo Amato, SDB, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. More than 50 priests took part in the ceremony, including many monks and nuns. According to the organizers, some 25,000 worshippers attended Zeman’s beatification.

On Sunday, October 1, Bratislava Metropolitan Archbishop Stanislav Zvolensky celebrated a Holy Mass in the priest’s birthplace - Bratislava’s borough of Vajnony.

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**Birth and Ministry**

Born on January 4, 1915, Zeman became a Salesian priest at the age of 25. He subsequently served as chaplain, school counselor, and chemistry teacher. After the communists shut down monasteries in Slovakia on April 13, 1950, Zeman organized three illegal escapes for young Salesian novices to continue their education. Zeman cooperated closely with the underground student movement called the “Grey School” and helped to establish a network of secret shrines to keep alive the Christian faith.

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**Imprisonment**

Zeman was imprisoned in Bratislava’s Tuhodolná prison from 1952 to 1967. His death sentence was later commuted to 25 years of imprisonment, where he was subjected to brutal torture and other forms of political persecution. His work of spreading the faith and maintaining the link with God was an attempt to establish the rule of reason and freedom as a political reality.

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**Beatification**

Benedict writes of Karl Marx (1818-1883), who offered a model of freedom and hope to people living in conditions that demanded change. Marx encouraged revolution to replace capitalism with a socialism without class distinction. This led to a replacing of the truth of the hereafter with the truth of the here and now. Heaven is replaced by earth: theology by politics. Benedict points out Marx’s fundamental error. Marx showed precisely how to overthrow the existing order, but he did not say how matters should proceed thereafter.

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**Oplatky**

The products of sweatshops and human trafficking are widespread, and it takes careful attention, ex nihilo, and it was in this way that He created the world.

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**The Christophers**

Food for the Soul

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Those words of Jesus from Matthew 4:4 perfectly reflect the work we do at The Christophers, the work of feeding people’s souls and spirits with gospel values. Along those lines, one of the hallmarks of our ministry has just been published: Volume 52 of our “Three Minutes A Day” book.

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**Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers**

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**National Chaplain**

Fr. Tom Nasta

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**Light One Candle**

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

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**Factors that Led to Hope Becoming Secularized – Part II.**

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**Addressing this situation in his Exhortation “The Joy of the Gospel,” Pope Francis wrote:**

“…I am firmly convinced that openness to everything that is good and beautiful will turn to God and ask him to inspire their plans? I am firmly convinced that openness to God will bring about the necessary change: “It is not by works of righteousness which the salvation of the human person at the center.**
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FCSU Celebrated 52nd Anniversary of Jednota Chapel in Washington DC

On Sunday, September 17, 2017, Branch 856 of the Washington DC area coordinated a special Mass in honor of the 52nd anniversary of the chapel donated by the First Catholic Slovak Union in 1965.

The 11:00 AM Mass was celebrated in Slovak by Fr. Richard D. Baker, pastor of St. John Nepomucene in New York City, and assisted by parochial vicar of St. John Nepomucene, Fr. Martin Kertys. Many members of the FCSU were in attendance, including: Miriam Visnovsky and Terezia Rozmus from the Home Office; National Chaplain Thomas Nasta; Region 1 Director and Branch 746 President Sabina Sabados, Region 2 Director and Branch 857 Secretary Damian Nasta and his wife Margaret; District 8 Secretary Marion Mistrik; Branch 856 Financial Secretary/Treasurer Katherine Nowatkoski; and members from Region 1, New York, New Jersey and New England; Region 2, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, DC; and Region 6, the state of Ohio.

After Mass, FCSU members and guests were invited to a reception hosted by Slovak Ambassador to the United States Peter Kmec at the nearby Slovak Embassy in Washington, DC.

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- Hej.
- Dobrý deň.
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- Dobrý ráno.
- Good evening.
- Dobrý večer.
- Goodbye. / Bye.
- Dovidenia. / Dovič.
- dobrú noc.
- Good night.
- Ano, / Ne.
- Yes. / No.
- Here you are.
- Děkuju.
- Thanks you.
- Nies je za čo.
- You are welcome.
- Dobrú chuť.
- Enjoy your meal.
- Ponúkneme. / Aj vám.
- Likewise. / Same to you.
- Na zdravie.
- Cheers.
- Preptáčte.
- Excuse me.
- Toto sa nestalo.
- Never mind.
- Mili ľuďe.
- I love you.
- Všecko najlepšie!
- Best wishes!
- Vkoľko to stojí?
- How much does it cost?
- Ako sa voláte?
- What’s your name?
- Teši ma.
- Nice to meet you.
- Ako sa máš?
- How are you?
- Hovoríte po slovensky?
- Do you speak Slovak?
- Nevôňom po slovensky.
- I don’t speak Slovak.
- Nezrozumel som.
- I don’t understand.
- Pozor!
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- Help!

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Halloween Holiday Trivia

- Jack o’ Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts.
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
  - Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers at #1.
  - Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
  - Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honored Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
  - Black cats were once believed to be witch’s familiars who protected their powers.

Upcoming Events at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

The United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH, 44055 will host the following events:

**Clambake**

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Please visit www.americanslovakclub.com for details

**Children’s Halloween Bowling Party for Member’s Children**

Sunday October 29th at 1:30

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**Stedry Vecer, Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner**

Sunday December 3rd 5:30p.m. cocktails, 6:00p.m. dinner

Entertainment by Ed Klimczak

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Contact Len Zilko at 440/988-3236

**Save the Date and stay tuned for further details**

Silvester Steak Fry

Sunday December 31st 5-9p.m.

The United Slovak Societies is comprised of the members of the local lodges in Lorain OH. These Lodges include: St. Ann’s Branch #114 of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, St. John the Baptist Lodge #228 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, National Slovak Society Assembly 160, Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreath 111 and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Branch #77.

- Submitted by Michèle S. Mager
  Member, Board of Directors, American Slovak Club
Origins of the Štefánik Aviator Statue

Still at the time of the original memorial dedication at Bradio, there was a call for other memorials to Štefánik. In 1928, the Slovak National Council appointed a committee to initiate an anonymous competition to make a statue of Štefánik. A Czech sculptor, Bohumil Kafka, won the competition with his design called “Kosárská A.” He featured a statue of Štefánik in an aviator suit on a pedestal with a tall rectangular column topped by a lion behind the statue. The lion’s head would face the Danube River and his front foot stood on the emblem of the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

Kafka chose to depict Štefánik in a pilot’s uniform because of the pivotal role he played in serving in the French army’s air force and the attention it garnered from French generals at the time. The sculptor dressed him in the same airman’s uniform he wore when flying back to his homeland on his last tragic flight, as it spoke of the technological advances during the war. A scroll in his hand stood for the “good news” (the Pittsburgh Agreement of 1918 which signified the wish of the two nations to join in a common state). A huge column symbolized the Legion which fought to form the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

The lion’s face on top of the column stood for courage as well as the defense of State of Czecho-Slovakia, which the lion protects.

Kafka made several models of the Štefánik statue, the first a 243 centimeters model (over 8 feet tall) that was one-third of the size he had intended. Two bronze sculptures were cast in this size. In 1933, Kafka exhibited one of these statues at the Musée du Luxembourg in Paris. A British art dealer from the Spanish Legion purchased the statue with the intention of placing it in the “Parc de Princes” Square in Paris, about 5.8 miles from the city center.

Because World War II events happened shortly thereafter, the statue was stored in a Paris depot during the war. The French knew they had to hide statues of military heroes from public display, lest the Nazis destroy them. People simply forgot about the statue, as more pressing issues occurred during the Nazi occupation of Paris.

The other smaller Štefánik statue lay in storage for many years at the Bohumil Kafka Museum near the town of Nová Paka in northern Bohemia. Not until 1994, after the fall of communism, did it reappear in a public place. In gratitude for the 50th anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising of 1944, attended by President Václav Havel, the Czechs placed the statue high atop Petřín Hill in Prague, just in front of what Czechs named the Štefánik Observatory. First constructed in 1928, visitors can today visit the observatory to learn more about astronomy, the focus of Štefánik’s peacetime career.

The originally planned large statue (740 cm on 24.3 feet high) was dedicated in Bratislava in the Spring of 1938, and placed in front of the Reduta, the Slovak National Concert Hall. Later a lion was added behind the monument, as well as a pedestal for the statue. Because of the tense political situation with Germany and the dawn of the Slovak autonomous government, the lion was posed to look in the direction of the flow of the Dunabe rather than towards the Petrovka district, which Germany annexed in 1939, or toward the Petrówka in Bratislava.

Rumor had it that when Adolf Hitler stood in Petrovka and could clearly see the lion on the opposite riverbank, he uttered the words: “The cat must go away!” Thus the Slovak wartime regime acquiesced; the lion was stored in some barracks for many years until it reappeared after the Velvet Revolution of 1989.

Following the seizure of power after World War II, the regime had the Štefánik statue destroyed in 1954. Soldiers tore down the statue and it melted down for scrap metal at the Prague Arsenal.

Štefánik’s abhorrence of communism was hardly a secret; he had termed Bolshevism “the negation of democracy.” Štefánik had compared communism and democracy as follows:

“Bolshevism speaks, shouts, howls; democracy thinks, teaches, convinces. Bolshevism awakens the lowest instincts and desires; democracy appeals to honor and conscience. Bolshevism is the blinding light of a rocket; democracy the glowing light of salvation. Bolshevism is the enemy of mankind and we have to fight it” (Labor Digest).

The Štefánik aviator statue did not make a reappearance in Bratislava until 2009, when it was dedicated near the Danube in front of the newly built and larger Reduta. Using a cast from the existing statue in Prague, the Slovak government had the statue recast to its former height of 24.3 feet, with a lion on a column behind it, as in Kafka’s original model.

The Štefánik Memorial in Paulhan

How did the one of the original one-third size Štefánik statues wind up in Paulhan, far from Paris?

From 1911 until the Second World War, the square of Paulhan was adorned by a French Revolution statue which stood over a fountain, entitled “To the Glory of the Armies of the Revolution.” Pressured by the Germans during World War II, the collaborationist Vichy regime of France ordered Paulhan to melt down its six bronze statues and use the metal to assist the German war effort.

After the war, in 1955, the mayor of Paulhan requested a statue from the Minister of Culture in Paris to replace the former statue. It sent a statue by Bohumil Kafka named “The Aviator, General Štefánik,” a 10-foot placating statue on a pedestal at the spot in 1955, and inhabitants had no idea of who it was, and simply called it “The Aviator.”

Possibly Louis Paulhan, Štefánik’s good friend and fellow aviator, might have played a role in bringing the statue to its present location, for its destination in Paulhan hardly seems a mere coincidence. But Louis Paulhan died in 1963 and the people of Paulhan lost any idea of whom the aviator depicted on the statue actually was.

No one seemed to know whom the statue depicted. In 1983. By mere chance at that time, a former Slovak pilot, Major Alexander Matuš, was traveling through Paulhan and recognized the statue as that of Štefánik, resembling the same model which placed in the Petrówka regime in Slovakia had been destroyed in Bratislava. As communism crumbled in Slovakia, former Czechoslovakia.
The Štefánik Square in Paris, France

Czech and Slovak soldiers then helped rescue the statue from anonymity. Nine years later in 1998, the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in France placed a wreath at the monument. The ambassador then assisted in arranging a visit of a delegation from Pauhun to the towns of Brezová pod Bradlom and Kolářská in Slovakia. On May 7, 2000, Pauhun and the two towns in Slovakia would officially become sister cities. Once aware of the Štefánik statue, Slovaks began to take more interest in its preservation. Finally, then Slovak ambassador Marek Eštok spoke about restoring the statue to its original state and reached an agreement with the French Town Council. The French Town Council, the Department of Hérault, and the Slovak Ministry of Interior agreed to jointly fund its restoration. Following extensive work, the renewed and cleaned statue was unveiled in a grand ceremony with Ambas- sador Eštok, Pauhun Mayor Claude Valério, and other dignitaries on November 11, 2015, in commemoration of Armistice Day. They placed a plaque in French which read:  "To the memory of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik and the Slovak and Czech Legionnaires enthroned during the First World War on the territory of France." Today the square is called "Place du Général-Štefánik" and a plaque commemorates the Slo- vak leader who was also a French citizen and war leader. The French and Slovak dignitaries now regularly remember Štefánik in a formal commemoration ceremony, usually around the time of Štefánik’s birthday, July 21. Shortly before I visited Pauhun in 2017, Pauhun erected a prominent sister city sign at its entrance. In Paris, too, a notable plaque with a Slovak cross remembering Štefánik’s contributions to science, France and the Allied cause. It reads: "Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Français d’origine Slovaque. L’observatoire de Meudon (General, Aviator, Astronomer, Diplomat, Milan Rastislav Štefánik, a Frenchman of Slovak Origin – The Meudon Observatory)

Conclusion

Thus today there are many memorials to Štefánik across Slovakia, one on Petřín Hill in Prague, and the two aforementioned in Pauhun and the plaque in Paris, France. In addition to the noted monuments at Bradio and Bratislava, Košice placed busts of Štefánik and Masaryk in a park, and Trenčín also erected a park monu- ment in his honor. Many cities and towns across Slovakia renamed streets after him, including Štefánikova ulica in Bratislava. (Formerly called Lenínová ulica (Lenin Street), I used to ride my bicycle every day on that street in 1962, on my way to the State Archives.) Even Slovakia’s largest airport was renamed Letisko M. R. Štefánik. Finally, let us not forget that Slovak-Americans erected the first statue of Štefánik in Wada Park in Cleveland, sculpted by famous Slovak artist, Fríko Motsóka. At the busy intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. and East Blvd., the ten foot tall statue was visible to thousands every day, but at a very busy intersection, and difficult to photograph or hold a ceremony at. In 2013, the statue moved to the new Slovak Cultural Garden and remains a place where Slovak-Americans proudly continue to pay tribute to one of their greatest national heroes.

The Štefánik monument in Trenčín, Slovakia.

The Štefánik Square in Paris

Although not its originally intended place in Paris, a Štefánik Square (Place du Général-Štefánik) still exists in Paris. Rather than adorning with a statue, the square is home to a unique plaque with a Slovak cross remembering Štefánik’s contributions to science, France and the Allied cause. It reads: "Général, Aviateur, Astronome, Diplomate, Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Français d'origine Slovaque. L’observatoire de Meudon (General, Aviator, Astronomer, Diplomat, Milan Rastislav Štefánik, a Frenchman of Slovak Origin – The Meudon Observatory)"
The First Catholic Slovak Union sponsored the entertainment, as well as provided several baskets for raffle – all to benefit the monks of St. Andrew Abbey, Svorad, a Slovak Benedictine Order in Cleveland, OH, all of whom are members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 24.

On September 24, 2017, St. Andrew Abbey held its annual fall benefit at the American-Croatian Lodge in Eastlake, OH. The event – a fundraiser for the monks of the Slovak Benedictine Order located in Cleveland, OH – began at 2:00PM with Mass and included a 3PM welcome by Abbot Gary Hoover, a 4PM full course dinner, a “live auction” conducted by Fr. Gerard Gonda that featured dinner and time spent at the Abbey, and a 6PM closing prayer during which the “Ultima” was sung by the monks. All of the monks of St. Andrew Abbey are members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 24. FCSU Home Office staffers Robert Kopco and Barbara Sutila served on the event committee, and the Home Office sponsored the afternoon’s entertainment by the Anthony Culkar Band. The FCSU donated two baskets for raffle as well. Attendees enjoyed performances by the Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble as well as its children’s group Lucinka. Face painting, a balloon artist, and raffling of some 50 baskets rounded out the afternoon’s festivities.

The Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Greater Cleveland performed during the annual fall benefit.
Struthers, OH – Branch 259
Accepting Scholarship Applications

Attention Branch 259 members: a $500 scholarship will be awarded to a member of Branch 259 who qualifies. For an application and additional information, please contact: Vivian Sedlacko at 330-755-8316 or Rosemarie Yuhas at 330-755-9048. Applications must be submitted to: 17 Wilhelm Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. The deadline for submission of applications in December 29, 2017. Fraternally yours,

Vivian Sedlacko

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Jednota Crossword Puzzle

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1. Casino action
2. Ballgame attendees
9. Gilbert of Roxanne
13. French girlfriend
15. Western show
16. The Emerald Isle
17. Gang boss
19. Depend
20. Type of sleeve
21. Perfect
23. Beast of burden
24. Get into shape
26. Physics class topic
28. Sugar suffix
29. Musical interval
32. Round Table character
35. Driveway surface
37. Estrada of CHPs
38. Group of eight
39. Kind of loser
40. Cyst
41. Shrimp and lobster, e.g.
43. Plate
45. Filmmaker Spike
46. Table scraps
47. Flings
49. Menu phrase
50. Argus-eyed
52. Boxed up
55. Glance over
56. Contrite
60. Cereal grass
61. Bowie’s last stand
62. Greek portico
63. Keats creations
64. Heiress type
65. Compass pt.

1. Slot machine symbol
2. Dubai dignitary
3. Louise of Gilligan’s Island
4. Haunted house sound
5. Horse color
6. Eccentric
7. Diminutive
8. Sunken ship
9. Andrea ___
10. Region
11. Streamlet
12. “___ takers?”
14. Cake ingredient
18. Guanaco’s cousin
22. Scuttlebutt
24. Dangerous African pests
25. Tell a story
26. Broadcast
27. Lemon Tree singer
28. Supernatural
30. Brown earring
31. Mountain lakes
32. Stitch up
33. Swedish neighbor (Abbr.)
34. Harem room

36. E.R. personnel
39. Chides
41. Scorch
42. Soft drinks
44. Vistas
48. Type of poll
49. Cupid’s projectile
50. Battery contents
51. Fine fabric
52. Hot Diggity singer Perry
53. New newts
54. Pairs
55. Box office sign
57. Inventor Whitney
58. Certifiable
59. Bar topic

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ATTENTION

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc has extended its deadline for accepting applications for its 2017 Scholarship Program to October 31, 2017.

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  • Examples of applicant’s community involvement;
  • A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
  • A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
  • A description of the applicant’s academic or career objectives;
  • A statement demonstrating an applicant’s need for education financing.

For applications, please contact:
Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.
First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131
Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310
E-mail: fcsu@fcsu.com - Website: http://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 31, 2017

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From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

Holiday Hours

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday 24, 2017, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

For additional sign up forms, tally sheet, and program details, go to http://www.fcsu.com/events/
The First Catholic Slovak Union dedicated a Jednota Memorial site in September 2016 for our members and their families. The site is on a permanently dedicated 3 ½ acres of land of Jednota property fronting on Rosedale Avenue in Middletown, PA. The land was once occupied by the Jednota Orphanage, purchased at the urging of our founder Fr. Štefan Furdek for just such a purpose. A rebronzed “Doughboy” statue is a key highlight of this Memorial, honoring those who served in any wars and also giving the opportunity for our Members to honor and remember their ancestors and family members who have made and make our Society great.

JEDNOTA MEMORIAL GRANITE BRICKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

It is important, however, to remember that this memorial is not restricted to veterans or families of veterans. You can remember a loved one, a branch or a district in our Society. These are just some of the completed granite panels found throughout the Memorial.

All those who purchase a “brick” or “bricks” will receive a photo of the panel on which their brick or bricks are mounted.

This is another of the latest panels to be completed. To view more complete panels, or if you haven’t yet ordered your “brick” you can go to www.fcsu.com to Jednota Memorial to download your order form. Or you can request an order form by calling the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682.
BRANCH 1P – WEST BRIDGEPORT, PENNSYLVANIA
Attention Branch 1P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 1P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017. Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 2 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT
The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 of the First Slovak Union will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 9:00 AM at Christ the King Parish Center, 100 Brisbin St. Houtzdale, PA. Election of officers will take place. All members are invited to attend the meeting.
Joseph C. Cervenak, President

BRANCH 3 – WHITE OAK, PENNSYLVANIA
Holy Trinity Society, Branch 35 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at 487 Centurion Drive, Forest Hills, PA. The agenda will include reports of branch officers, discussion of branch activities and election of delegates for the upcoming 2018 FCSU National Convention.
Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 35 – BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA
St Knights Hall, Branch 35 will hold its Annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at 987 Centurion Drive, Forest Hills, PA. The branch will hold election of branch officers, discussion of branch activities and election of delegates for the upcoming 2018 FCSU National Convention.

BRANCH 36 – ST. MARY’S, PENNSYLVANIA
The branch will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 9:00AM Eisenhower Drive, White Oak, PA 15131. The agenda will include officers’ reports and discussion on 2018 fraternal social activities. At this meeting, we will be electing branch officers and electing delegates to the 2018 National Convention. All Branch 36 members are urged to attend, and all visitors are welcome.

BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK
The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Slovak Mass at St. John Cantius Church, 66th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, a report on last year’s activities, election of officers, and a discussion on events for the upcoming year. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

BRANCH 60 – MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA
Branch 60 – McKeesport will hold its semi-annual meeting Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the home of President James Garrison (59 Llmt Drive, Swissvale, PA) at 1:00 p.m.
On the agenda will be Officers’ reports, election of officers and election of delegates to the 2018 FCSU National Convention.
Julie Peña, Secretary

BRANCH 85 – BLAKELY, PENNSYLVANIA
The St. Florian Society, Branch 85K, will hold its fall meeting on Sunday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Jessup American Legion, Post 411, Church Street, Jessup, PA. The agenda will include election of officers for 2018.

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
St Joseph of Switzerland, Branch 89 will hold its Fall Communion Breakfast and Meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 970 N. 82nd street, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to breakfast, which is free for members. Guest speakers will pay for their own breakfast at the cost of $15 per person. Branch is at 10:30AM, along with the start of the meeting, at The Capitol Cafe, 14375 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005.

BRANCH 90 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA
St. Nicholas Hall, Branch 90 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Mr. Mike Novak at 414-445-5382. There will be a prize drawing during the brunch. Fraternal regards,
Mike Novak, President

BRANCH 98 – TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT
Attention Branch 98 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 98 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 102 – PATRICK SULLIVAN, PENNSYLVANIA
St John the Baptist Branch 112 will hold an annual meeting on Sunday, December 3 at 1 PM at Palermo Restaurant. The meeting will include: Election of officers, officer’s reports, election of delegates to the 2018 convention and new business. Please call Karen Kalk, Financial Secretary, if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.
Karen Sterling, Secretary

BRANCH 107 – MAHANOY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
St John the Baptist Branch 112, in the operation of Branch 107 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 112 – SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY
Attention Branch 112 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 112 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 116 – SOUTH FORK, PENNSYLVANIA
Attention Branch 124 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 116 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 124 – MOUNT OLIVE, ILLINOIS
Attention Branch 124 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 124 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 126 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
The branch will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 9:00AM at the Uniontown Country Club, at25 Bailey Lane, Uniontown, PA 15460.
Officers’ reports will be given, and upcoming events and branch business will be discussed. Announcements for Christmas donations will be made. Regional Director James Marmol will advise us of activities from the home office.

BRANCH 149 – MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA
Attention Branch 149 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 149 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
St Stephen Branch 153 will have its annual meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The meeting will be held at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in United, PA. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Theresa Cassat, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 156 – BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA
Attention Branch 156 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 156 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 162 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
Attention Branch 162 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 162 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 169 – CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY
Attention Branch 169 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 169 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116. Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.
Dolores Marmol, Secretary
DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT
The Michigan District will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the Deer Lake Inn located at 7504 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48348, (thats exit 93 on I-75, and just 1 mile west of I-75)
Our meeting will begin at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The business meeting will follow the lunch. On the Agenda will be Officer Reports and New Business which includes financial budget, ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2018 and the ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATES. In addition, an advisory of the 2018 FCSU National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.
Branch 633 is hosting this meeting. Please notify Dianna Rimarick at (PHONE NUMBER) 248-714-9620 with the number of delegates attending from your branch no later than October 13th so the restaurant can be notified of the number of attendees expected. If you are unable to confirm prior to the event but wish to attend, a $20.00 fee will be collected at the restaurant. Those making advance reservations will not be charged.
****Please remember, a branch delegate must attend at least one District meeting in order to be eligible for compensation from the Home Office.
Dianna Rimarick, Secretary
4945 Wavewood Dr.
Commerce twp., MI 48382
248-714-9620

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT
Branch 2 will host the next district meeting on Sunday, November 26 at 1 PM. The meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 529 Grant Avenue Extension in West Mifflin. We will discuss social and business activities for 2018. Officers for 2018 will be elected. Matters concerning the upcoming national convention, including election of the district delegate, will also be on the agenda.
As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments. The national convention is coming next year; be careful to fulfill all requirements for sending delegates.
While we look forward to seeing everyone at the FCSU district meetings, remember there are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention:
** Sept 16-18, 2017, 10:15 Slovak Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall in Columbus, OH. All members are welcome to attend.
** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at The Lebanon Public Library; November 6 – Slovak Immigrants to America, December 4 – Slovak Show & Tell. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.
** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in spring and fall. Contact Bozena Hilko at bozi@comcast.net. Fall classes are directed toward intermediate and advanced students. Spring classes are for beginners. Children’s classes in the summer.
** Slovak Heritage Day at the Pitt Cathedral of Learning – Sunday, November 5 – noon to 5. Slovak seminars, entertainment, food and vendors.
** Don’t forget the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour – 3-4 PM, Sunday’s – WPTI-AM 730. The program is also streamed live at www.wptiam.com.
** You can follow the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association on Facebook. The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids also has a Facebook page. Check out your family’s hometown in Slovakia. Even a small village may have a Facebook page.
** Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See www.silavic.pitt.edu
** If you’re interested in study abroad, Slovakia has a number of major universities; some have programs taught in English. Check out www.slovakcollege.edu/study-in-slovakia.com
** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is available to visitors Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations. See www.nssof.org/Museum.php.
** The Czechsoho Slovak Genealogical Society International will hold its next meeting on October 18-21, 2017. In Pittsburgh. Your correspondent will be giving a presentation on Slovak Ancestry.
Further information can be found at www.agsi.org.
** FCSU insurance information and forms can be found at www.fcsu.com. Many interesting Slovak-related links may be found at fcsu.com/resources.
** The September 13 issue of the Jednota has an interesting account of the Senko’s summer trip to Slovakia. The Apr 19 issue has a list of stipend requirements. If anyone knows of additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice, they should email information to the secretary.

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary
manasta@verizon.net

DISTRICT 7 – THE REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT
All branches are invited to attend the district’s second annual meeting, hosted by Branch 372, on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 2:00 PM. It will be in the church hall of St. Michael Church, in St. Michael, PA. Election of officers will be held at this time. There will be a luncheon served after the meeting. All district branches will be welcome. It would be nice to see some new faces.
Sharon Allison, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 – THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK
Mark your calendars our first meeting of 2018 will be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Ave, Akron, OH 44311 on January 21, 2018 at 2 pm. We will be electing delegates to the upcoming Convention. Please plan to attend and learn more about convention activities and issues we may be addressing at the convention. Our Society is as strong as its members – take an active part and help keep our Society strong.
If you plan on attending, please call Linda Hanko @530-706-0151 or 330-690-8611. We need a headcount for refreshments. Please RSVP one week before the meeting. Respectfully submitted.
Linda Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 – THE MSR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT
The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (11) is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 1:30 PM at the C.U.Club, 910 Sixth Avenue, Ford City. When possible, Branches should designate their representatives to Grace Charney, District Secretary, at (724) 684-7165 or October 22; however, Branch members not previously identified are welcome to participate in all District meetings on a walk-in basis.

Linda Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 12 – THE MONSIGNOR ANDRE HLINKA DISTRICT
On Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 1:00 PM, a meeting of the Andre Hlinka District will be held at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. There will be an election of officers and discussions relative to district business and election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH. Members of the various branches are urged to attend. Any questions, call Joseph Tarquinio at (724) 929-9799. We from District 12 wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
Frances Tarquinio, Secretary

DISTRICT 13 – THE JOZEF CARDINAL TOKMOK DISTRICT
The Jozef Cardinal Tomko District, District 13, will hold its semi-annual meeting at 2:00PM on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Cozy Corners in Osceola Mills, PA, 16666 (Route 53 South on Osceola Mills/ Houdsdale Highway). All local branches belonging to the district are to send a delegate to the meeting. Call Rosemary Deliman at 814 342 5552 if you plan to attend.
There will be election of officers for 2018. Luncheon will be served prior to meeting.
Rosemary Deliman, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 14 – THE REV JOSEPH KOSTIK DISTRICT
The district will hold its next meeting on November 21, 2017 at 2:30PM at MRL Lab, 250 Bridge Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. This will be a general meeting with election of officers. All members are encouraged to attend. The December 19, 2017 meeting will also be held at 2:30PM at MRL Lab, 250 Bridge Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. On the agenda: election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH next August. All members are encourage to attend.
Joe Scavina, Vice President

DISTRICT 15 – PRINCE Pribina DISTRICT
Prince Pribina District will hold Annual Meeting on Saturday November 18, 2017. The meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. On the agenda: will be officer reports and financial report, election of officers for the year 2018 and election of the District Convention Delegate to the 2018 FCSU National Convention. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate and have their concurrent Annual Meeting.
Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 - THE MSR GRÉGOIRE KREULSKY DISTRICT
The Msgr Gregoire Kreulsky District 16 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 in the Rectory of St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, New York, NY immediately following the 10:15 Slovak Mass. On the agenda will be branch reports, financial report, election of officers and discussion of plans for future activities in 2018. We urge members of Branches 41, 45 and 716 to attend and participate in this meeting. Representatives from other Districts are also cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The Slovak Mass at 10:15 will be in remembrance of Jozef Blík, past President of Branch 716 FCSU.
Joan Mary Skrkon, Secretary

DISTRICT 20 PRINCE RASTISLAV, MONTREAL, QUEBEC
The annual district meeting will be held on Sunday November 5, 2017 at the Sts.Cyril and Methodius Church hall immediately following the 11 (11) o’clock Mass. The agenda will include Social calendar for 2018. Election of officers as well as discussion re: the upcoming convention In August 2018.
Branch 784 and 810 are urged to send representatives. A light lunch will be served.
Alexander S. Dobrik, President

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served.

Please note that there will be a special meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 immediately following the ViaJia for the election of delegates to the 51st Interna-
tional Convention of the First Slovak Union in Cleveland on August 4 - 8, 2018. The ViaJia will be held at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, PA. Members interested in becoming a delegate should at-
tend.

For more information or directions call 724-547-0803.

Vicki Hrick, Secretary

Branch 198 – GALITZIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 198 members: the branch is ac-
tively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 198 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more infor-
mation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the


Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Branch 228 – NEWARK, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, will hold an election of delegates to the 51st Qua-

dernal Convention of the First Slovak Union in Cleveland on August 4 - 8, 2018. The ViaJia will be held at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, PA. Members interested in becoming a delegate should at-
tend.

For more information or directions call 724-547-0803.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Branch 333 – GRASSLERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 333 members: the branch is ac-
tively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 333 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more infor-
mation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the


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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Branch 335 – LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 335 members: the branch is ac-
tively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 335 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more infor-
mation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the


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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Branch 348 – CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Attention Branch 348 members: the branch is ac-
tively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 348 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more infor-
mation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the


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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Branch 362 – ST. CLAIRESVILLE, OHIO

Attention Branch 362 members: the branch is ac-
tively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 362 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more infor-
mation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the


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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Branch 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph’s Branch 367 will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The meeting will be held at O’Gillies Pub, 200 E. Asken Street, Uniontown, PA 15401, at 2 PM in the after-
noon. All members are invited. Election of 2017 of-
ficers and election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention will take place. Please call Kay Balzak, President at 724-318-3387 or Kathryn Baranek, Secretary at 724-565-1006. To all our members and families we wish you a blessed and happy holiday season.

Kathryn Baranek, Secretary

Branch 372 – BEAVERTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 372 members: the branch is ac-
tively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 372 is greatly needed. If you are interested in

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accepted an officer position or would like more infor-
mation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the
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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 381 – PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

Attention Branch 381 members: the branch is ac-

cessing seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 381 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more in-
formation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Bahaus wine dinner will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 5:00 pm at the Union Hotel.

The branch will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm, at the Union Hotel.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 383 – LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 383 members: the branch is ac-

cepting members to serve as officers for 2017.

You guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 383 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more in-
formation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Elizabeth Slovenkai, Vice President

BRANCH 384 – CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 484KJ, will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 1:00 pm.

The branch will hold its next meeting on Saturday, November 25, 2017.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 385 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS


Interest persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 386 – GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 386, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 1:15 pm at the New City Buffet, 5142 State Rt. 30, Suite 175, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Attention Branch 386 members: the branch is ac-

cessing seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 386 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more in-
formation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interest persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 387 – FARRELL, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 387 members: the branch is ac-

cessing seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

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Interest persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 388 – BARBERTON, OHIO

Attention Branch 388 members: the branch is ac-

cessing seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 389 – EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 389 members: the branch is ac-

cepting members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 389 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more in-
formation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interest persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 390 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 450, will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

The meeting will begin at 11:00 AM at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129. (next to the Cudell Community Snow Rd.)

On the agenda will be officers’ reports, the 2017 financial report, discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the branch. The election of branch officers will take place at this meeting.

All members are urged to attend. Refreshment will be served after meeting.

George P. Carny, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 461 – BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Attention Branch 461 members: the branch is ac-

cessing seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

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formation, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interest persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 484 – CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 484K, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

It will be held at the home of Financial Secretary Monica Rura, 819 Power Road Laz, CORAL PA, 15708. The branch will include reports of the exec-

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SHIRLEY (OBUSEK) MANDELLA  
BRANCH 38 – WHITE OAK, PENNSYLVANIA  

Shirley (Obusek) Mandella, age 80 of McKeesport, PA died August 21, 2017, at ManorCare Health Services – Monroeville, PA. Born September 17, 1936, in McKeesport, she was the daughter of the late John F. and Elizabeth (Meharra) Obusek, and the wife of the late Walter J. Mandella. Shirley was a driver for ACCESS for many years and won multiple awards of continued excellence by the Mon-Yough Chapter of ODH (Open Doors for Handicapped) and she was a volunteer at Kane Regional Medical Center in McKeesport for over 20 years. She was well known for being a vocal leader and coach of the McKeesport Girls Softball League, and was famous for her “level, level, level” while the girls were at bat. She was very crafty and loved making things from plastic canvas, designing macramé chairs, and enjoyed spending time in the mountains, playing cards and going to bingo. She is survived by her son, Dan (Erica) Mandella; daughter, Terri (Scott) Pollock; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Emily, Stephen, Matthew and Sarah Mandella; Hunter and Samantha Pollock and also survived by nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by son, Larry (Wendy) Mandella; sister, Virginia Davis; brother Joseph; and a stillborn son, Stephen Joseph.

Steve is survived by his brother Roman Mandella, of Namestovo, Slovakia; and his children: Mary (Don) Scott, of Ventura, CA; Thomas Kolada, of Springfield, OR; Kathleen Kolada, of Santa Clarita, CA; Barbara Kolada, of Medford, OR; Patricia (Kevin) Erickson, of Paso Robles, California; and Susan (Grant) Hawkins, of Tooele, UT. He also leaves behind grandchildren George Harris, Jessica (Casey) McFeron, Candis Fairley, and Cory Hawkins, as well as several great-grandchildren.

Although he was born in America, Steve was raised in Namestovo, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia). He returned to Chicago as a young man. Steve was a U.S. Army infantryman in 1944-45, serving in World War II. He was captured in Germany and spent the last six months of the war as a prisoner of war. After the war, he returned to Chicago and worked for a small newspaper where he met his first wife. Later they moved to the San Fernando Valley where they raised six children and he operated his own print shop, Community Press. An astute businessman, he was hardworking, honest and trusted. Steve also was a caring, kind and generous man with a sharp wit and comfortable warmth. He claimed to be a simple man, but to those who knew and loved him, he was simply the best.

Steve retired at age 70. After the death of his first wife, he remarried and enjoyed a quiet life in Tujunga, CA. He enjoyed gardening, writing, reading, singing, listening to music, and taking walks.

Steve was a member of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Tujunga, where he worshipped for 26 years. He also belonged to Disabled American Veterans.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, September 25, at Valley Funeral Home in Burbank, CA. Steve was buried at San Fernando Mission Cemetery in Mission Hills, CA, with full military honors.

- Submitted by Mary Scott

BERNARD MICHAEL BROSKO  
BRANCH 259 – NEW MIDDLETOWN, OHIO  

Bernard Michael Brosko, 91, a beloved husband to Mary Jane of 59 years passed away the evening of August 16, 2017 in the hospital where he was fighting complications from diabetes. Bernie was born March 20, 1926, in Campbell, OH, the eldest son to the late Veronica and Michael Brosko and preceded in death by his sisters Margaret “Milch” Bobek and Agnes Escaja, and son John Michael. He leaves behind his younger brother Lawrence, his daughter Kathryn and son-in-law John, and three grandchildren Mary, John J. “Bud”, and Marion.

Bernie was a proud WWII Navy veteran where he served on the USS RENATE, a troop ship, in the South Pacific. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he continued his education at Youngstown State University and worked as a draftsman for Wean United for 32 years for the steel mill heyday where he drew numerous engineer drawings and plans for the mills.

He was member and usher of Saint Paul the Apostle Church in New Middletown and a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union. In his spare, time he loved golfing, fishing, spending time with his friends and family and heading annually to the Canfield fair. We will always cherish all of the fish stories of the one that got away and the one he threw back.

Family and friends gathered for a viewing on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at the Wasko Funeral Home, Campbell.

- Submitted by John W. McDowell
Autumn Rapture

1, when the summer is over,
Found autumn was covered in gold,
And colors more lovely than springtime
Were there for these eyes to behold.

Lost in a sweet fascination
I gazed on with wonder and awe,
Then rapt in serene adoration
Praised God in the glory I saw.

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2017 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal Still Accepting Donations

The 2017 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is ending soon. Funds raised in this annual Appeal are sent to the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius to assist with its day to day operations. The College is the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. After receiving their degrees, these priests return to their dioceses to work as seminary teachers, Tribunal officials, and in other ministries.

While collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry at one time provided the bulk of the donations, today the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors. If you have already made your donation to the 39th Annual Appeal, thank you. If not, please consider doing so by filling out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated. As of September 15, the 2017 Appeal has raised $17,426. Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Donations received after December 1, 2017 will be credited toward the 2018 Appeal.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Sayre, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

39th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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Please make check payable to Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to:

Dolores Evanko, National Secretary/Treasurer
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173 Berner Avenue
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Answer to Puzzle

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If each member would sign up just one new member, we could double our Society immediately

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Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Svetový deň turizmu otvoril brány františkánského kláštora

Útrobry františkánského kostola v Kremnici a jeho katakomby opírali návštevníkov. Pri príležitosti Svetového dňa turizmu to dobrovoľní koncom septembra organizovali prehliadky v kláštore. V katedrále sa mohli navšteviť len 50 ľudí poctivom prístupu Dňa otvorených dverí prišli k kláštoru vianočná hodnotiaca komisia.


Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Správy zo Slovenska

Peter Sagan najúspešnejšie športovec histórie SR

Peter Sagan obhajil v nórskom Bergene titul svetového šampiona v cennej cyklistike. Slovenský reprezentant, ktorý vždy triumfoval v Dauhe a rok predtým ovládal pretekty v Rakúsku a Francúzsku, v záverečnom sprintu prehliadol pretekový šváb a získal svoj tretí titul.

Slovenský bojovníčok prehrával v podobe kvalitného aj s balitkom. Oslavoval pretekový šváb, ktorý sa predtým ovládal v Rakúsku a Francúzsku, a získal svoj tretí titul. Výbora v celom dovoľovaní bolo naživo zaznamenávané.

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Aktivity v Slovenskej záhrade vo Winter Park, Florida
Slovenská záhrada (SZ) v Winter Park, Florida, v blízkosti Orlando, je v tomto čase jedným centrom slovenského života vo Florida. Každoročne usporiadá niekoľko kultúrnych a spoločenských podujatí, ktoré prikážu Slovákov aj zo vzájomnejších miest vo Florida, ba aj z iných amerických štátov.

Na sobotu, 9. decembra pripraví vedenie SZ bohaté predvianočné večer (víťaz) s tradíčnymi šedovzdušnými pochádkami. Začiatok sa začne v 2. hod. prelnúdami. Slovenská záhrada pozýva na tieto podujatie šíri slovenskú verejnosť, vrátane sezónnych návštevníkov zo „Slovenského plese“, informuje o týchto podujatiajach a o členstve v SZ možno dostávať na tel. č. 407-677-6894, alebo e-z e-mail: mailto:slavkov@centurylink.net, slovakgarden@centurylink.net.

Slovenský Októberfest v NY vo farskej hale sv. Ján Nepomuckého v NYT

Výročná schôdza okresu Prince Pribinu - Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Šťastný a velmi poctový rad kalifornských dražiarov sa počka na najbližšie podujatia, ktoré prilákajú Slovákov aj zo vzdialenejších miest vo Floride.

40. Festival slovenského dedičstva v NJ postúpen slovenského štátnika M. Lajčákovej
Počas celého dňa sa návštevníci možli pozrieť výstavné stánky ako aj rôzné stoly s tradičnými predmetmi, knihami, keramikou, tradičným sklem a potkane. "Udialochom zvyšlo niekoľko týždňov štýl slovenského dedičstva, ktoré zavrieme vytiahnuť a vytvoriť výstavné stánky ako aj rôzné sto-
Na pôde Matice slovenskej zasadala Rada pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí pri MS

Otázky krajinnej problemy v Matici slovenskej ani v tomto roku neostali v úzadi. 18. septembra 2017 Matica slovenská uskutočnila zasadanie Rady pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí pri MS (ďalej len RSZS), na ktorom sa zústastli delegáti zo šiestich krajín sveta. Rokovanie vedela predsedníčka RSZS pri MS, Katarína Maľovká-Medvedová (predsedníčka Miestného odboru Matice slovenskej Bánčsky Petrovce, Bratislava, spoločne s podpredsedníčkou RSZS pri MS, Adriamon Miroslavom Merkom (predsedníčkou Demokratického zväzu Slovákov a Čechov v Rumunsku) a Katarínou Királyovou (riaditeľnicou Ústavu pre kultúru Slovákov v Maďarsku), ktorá na rokovani zastupovala podpredsedníčku RSZS pri MS, Alberty Hlouškovej-Račkovú (predsedníčku Čeleďovskej slovenskej samosprávy v Maďarsku).


Rokovania bolo prijatých deviatí zámerov: 1) RSZS pri MS navrhlo, aby MS zasiahla členov RSZS pri MS aktuálnym zoznamom kníh z Vývoja slovenského OS a aby si kvantitativne zaviedol knihodajnícke služby, 2) RSZS pri MS navrhlo, aby MS zaviedlo infraštruktúru krajanských článkov, 3) RSZS pri MS navrhovalo, aby MS zasiahlo na príslušné fyzikárov krajanských komuní a ďalej na komunystických členov, 4) RSZS pri MS navrhovalo, aby MS fakticky zasiahlo na právnické subjekty spojené s rôzne krízy veľkých krajanských článkov, 5) RSZS pri MS navrhovalo, aby MS prispel na rôznom vedeckom a študijnom povrchoch k najnovším a aktuálnym otázkam, 6) RSZS pri MS navrhovalo, aby MS zahájilo na rozšírení knihovničích činností a zintenzívnilo činnosti na jedinečných a amatérskych zameraníach, 7) RSZS pri MS navrhovalo, aby MS prispel na vytvorenie a rozširovanie koordinácie a zamestnávania krajanských členov na Ukrajine a v Rusku, 8) RSZS pri MS navrhovalo, aby MS zasiahlo na príslušné fyzikárov krajanských článkov na vedeckých úrovniach a zamestnávaniu na úrovni krajanských členov a 9) RSZS pri MS navrhovalo, aby MS zvýšilo kapacitné kapacity na podporu knihovníckych činností a zamestnávaniu na úrovni krajanských členov.
40. Festival slovenského dedičstva v NJ poctil slovenského štátnika M. Lajčáka

Jubilejný 40. Festival slovenského dedičstva sa konal v parku Middlesex County Fairgrounds v sobotu 16. septembra. Slávnostnými hostmi boli podpredseda vlády a minister zahraničných vecí SR Miroslav Lajčák, ktorý 13. septembra prevzal predsednícke mesto v OSN, ďalej predseda Úradu pre Slovákov v zahraničí Dr. Ján Varšo a diplomatickí zástupcovia SR v USA a pri OSN.

Spolupredsedníčka festivalu Nina Holá privítala a predstavila nového predsedu OSN Miroslava Lajčáka, ktorý vo svojom príhovore ocenil úsilie festivalového výboru v snahe ľudí ukázať tradíciu týchto festivalov a vyslovil vdutie slovenskej komunitnej cest v USA za ich prispevok v udržovaní dobrých vzťahov medzi USA a Slovenskou republikou. V podávaní Nina Holá gratulovala ministrovi Lajčákovi k významnej funkcii vo Viedni a dodala, že je to nielen jeho osobný úspech, ale aj veľká česť a uznanie pre SR a všetkých Slovákov, čo obecenstvo prijalo s nadšeným potleskom.


Blahorečenie Titusa Zemana priláhalo do hlavného mesta vyše 33.000 ľudí


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Chodník korunami stromov v Bachledovej doline

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Při Jednotárskom stole: zvára pracovníčky Hlavního úřadu IKSJ v Cleveland, OH, Miriam Visnovská a sprava: Tereza Rozmus; regionálna predsedníčka IKSJ, Sabina Sabados; generálna konzulka SR v NY, Ladislava Begec.